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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 5290: AN ACT SUNSETTING THE HIGHWAY USE TAX.

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Fonfara and Representative Horn; Ranking Members Senator Martin and Representative Cheeseman; and distinguished members of the Finance, Revenue, and Bonding committee Thank you for raising House Bill 5290: An Act Sunsetting the Highway Use Tax. I offer my strong support to repeal the Highway Use Tax.

The Highway Use Tax on trucks levied is based on their weight and miles travelled on Connecticut Roadways adopted by the Legislature in 2021 went into effect this year. This tax is a cost that is ultimately paid by the Connecticut consumer in higher prices.

Simply the Highway Use Tax on Trucks adds extra cost to any products moved by truck into and throughout the State of Connecticut. This cost is calculated into the cost of transportation of those products and is passed onto the Connecticut consumer in the form of higher prices for said products.

The residents of my district and the entire State of Connecticut are making tough choices regarding how they spend their money during this time of high inflation. The State should be looking for ways to reduce costs on our hardworking residents. A repeal of the Highway Use Tax on trucks would be an excellent place to begin.

Currently the taxes on Diesel and Gasoline at the pump, the Gross Receipts tax, and a variety of other taxes on cars and trucks raise the revenues. Those monies need to go directly into the Special Transportation Fund.

I urge the Finance Committee to act favorably on HB-5290.